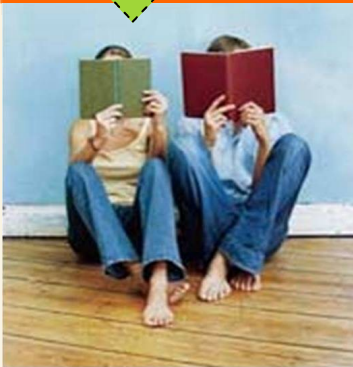


CALLING ALL TEENS/YOUNG ADULTS

TEEN READING WEEK OCTOBER 7-13

DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR
PARENTS
AND EDUCATORS



Answer this question. When was the last time your picked up a book to read for pleasure? I thought so, it was weeks or did I see you last year?

The National

Assessment of Education Progress reported several years ago that 9% 17 years olds never or hardly ever read for pleasure. This figure has now grown to 19%. We are the electronic generation and demand fast pace gadgets to occupy our time.

The old saying "use it or lose it" holds true. Good readers are prepared for the future. Job and college applications require strong reading comprehension. We also tend to scan read. Without great reading skills this can be difficult.

So you can't find that niche in your reading interest, then try one of these websites with book suggestions.

[Young Adult Library Service Association](#). This site is awesome, every theme you can think of and reading level. Search some multicultural themes for a change.

[Book Divas](#): Young adult and college.

[Young Adult Fiction](#): Online discussions and adult fiction novels and book lists

[Teen Ink](#): Teens interested in writing and reading can submit works, read articles, enter contests and more.

[Teenreads.com](#): Find out about series, new releases and blog reading

WAS THAT YOU IN THE BOOKSTORE?

The count is in and on the rising. Teens from the Harry Potter era are reading more sophisticated adult literature. It has become a global event and publishers are well aware of this "novel" trend. Writers have stronger story lines with fantasy and graphic literature ranking top for best sellers. An article found on the internet, "teen readers need a writer who knows how to grasp their attention and keep their interest." Publishers are redesigning to lure and gratify the 12-18 age group. Book covers are more inviting to the eye with artistic and bold colors.

Today is the age of iPods, email, internet socializing, funk music, work and extra curricula activities, teens still take pleasure of relaxing with a good book.

YOU SAY POTATOE AND I SAY ... POTATOH

Who really cares? We both know what we are talking about. But there is writing (like this newsletter) and then there is great writing. As parents/educators we feel if a book is not worthy, we consider the teen not reading. Times change and so does writing styles which include reading styles.

Research shows the a teen reader will be a reading parent and encourage their children to read. So hey, Mom and Dad, they are **READING** isn't that the **key**?

And in case you are **READING** this article, you'll see there is an array of ways to prepare potatoes, make mine baked with sour





Have you read the latest issue of....

Magazines feature the hottest trends and gossip. They grab your attention with bright covers and open tag lines.

Magazines come in a wide range of topics from hobbies to entertainment, fashion, diet, video games, sports, mechanics, electronic and short stories.

So if you can't grab that book, grab a magazine or newspaper and READ.

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SIGN UP MONTH
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VISIT STORY LINES ONLINE

Interact with characters, get involved

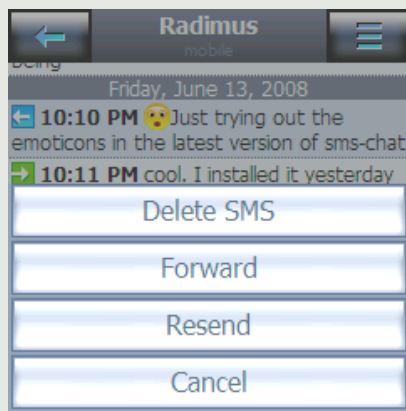
It's not new but a way for publishers to get you to read. Have you heard of the internet? Thought you have! Publishers are now taking your reading experience and enhancing it with the internet. Go beyond the book and interact with your character at their own website. Rewrite your book, change the attributes of your favorite character—be creative!

You can even download books to your home computer. But remember, there are also sell tactics on the internet so we advise some caution.

DO U KNWO WUT 1 M s4y1ng??///// LOL!!!!

I have no idea if I should say this or let you in on the secret. Okay, I will but just this once. An article by Margaret Shapior in 2009, says, *"Parents, u r gonna be surprised by this, but a study from the University of Alberta says that the abbreviated and unpunctuated language commonly used in instant messaging and texting probably has no effect on your child's spelling abilities. If anything, says psychologist and study lead author Connie Varnhagen, the language variations commonly used in instant messaging and cellphone texting should be viewed as a new language or at least a dialect with its own set of rules for spelling and writing."*

When tested, students ages 12 to 17 knew the correct spelling when asked to write a sentence vs. a sentence in chatspeak. Text messaging has put a new emphasis on reading and writing. With over 30 billion email and text messages exchanged, "it is raising the value of reading in our society."¹



With the information provided you today, are you going to delete it, forward to a friend, or just cancel the entire idea of reading a good book?

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